

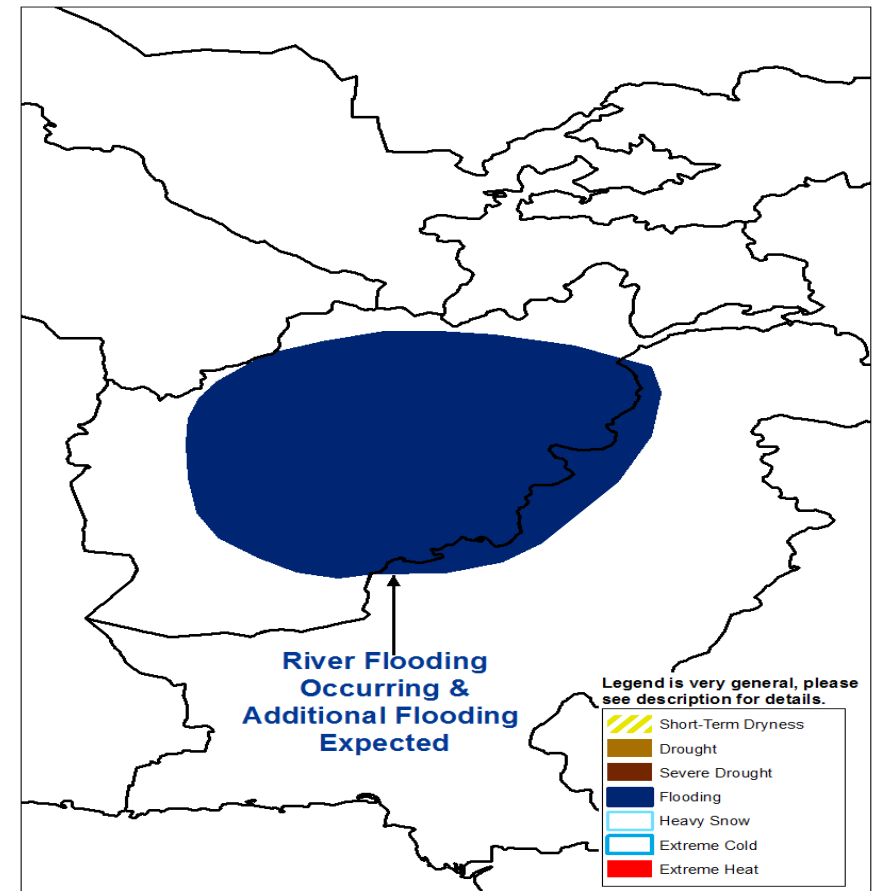
Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET April 25 – May 1, 2012

Temperatures:

During early-to-mid April, temperatures averaged above normal across the lower elevations and near to slightly below normal across the central highlands and northeast mountains. The warm temperatures have contributed to rapid snow melt. During the next week, temperatures are forecast to average near normal except for the northeast mountains where below normal temperatures are expected to persist. Maximum temperatures are forecast to warm above 30 degrees C in southwest Afghanistan.

Precipitation

Widespread showers continued across much of Afghanistan and rainfall amounts are higher than normal for the latter half of April. The heaviest rainfall (more than 50 mm) occurred in east-central Afghanistan. Recent rainfall combined with rapid snow melt has triggered flooding. Flooding has been reported in the following provinces: Baghla and Kunduz. The potential for flooding is expected to persist due to seasonal warmth, snow melt, and locally heavy rainfall.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.

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